

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 were originally filed in the present application. Claims 15-27 are currently canceled without prejudice or disclaimer in response to the current restriction requirement. New claims 28-40 are also currently added. Accordingly, claims 1-14 and 28-40 are currently pending in the present application.

It is believed that all matters set forth in the Restriction Requirement Office Action have been addressed, and that claims 1-14 and 28-40 are in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and an early indication of the allowability of the claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem that an interview with Applicants' undersigned attorney would expedite consideration, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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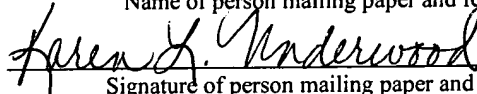
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